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Street carnivals have captured Lake City and Gainesville.

Putnam county is threatened with another "wet" or "dry" election.

To each and every one of our readers and friends, THE NEWS wishes a most Merry Christmas.

There is every indication that most of the citrus fruit will have been shipped from Florida by the middle of January. People who have good fruit to ship after January 15 should reap a rich harvest.

There is no reason why ten thousand acres of long staple cotton should not be grown in Volusia county in 1910. Old orange groves that have lain idle the past ten or twelve years would produce unusually good crops. This is the time to be arranging for the crop. It is a cash money crop.

Claude L'Engle has started on his second tour of the State, and is hustling for votes for United States Senator. If Broward drops out of the race, as now seems probable, Mr. L'Engle may surprise somebody when the count is made.

Wauchula will ship between 135,000 and 150,000 boxes of Citrus fruit this season. So far about 80,000 boxes have gone forward. Considerably more than half the fruit has been shipped from Florida. Prices should be good after Christmas.

If the postal authorities would compel colonizers to confine themselves strictly to the truth in all matter sent through the mails, Florida would be much better off in ten years than she will be if all manner of absurd promises are made and fools and their money are soon parted.

"Florida," the paper recently started at Tallahassee, is an open and avowed advocate of local option, and bitterly opposed to State prohibition. "Florida" is the butt of all manner of jibes from other members of the State press who favor State prohibition, but the editorial writer of "Florida" plays a trenchant pen and knows pretty well how to take care of himself. The State press keeps him busy, though.

DeLand was crowded all week with people, who came here to do their Christmas trading. The circus on Monday drew many. While these traveling shows take a great amount of money out of town, there is another view that should always be taken. They bring into town people who would not otherwise come here. They live up a town and make it more popular. Outside of the fact that every person who comes to town to attend a show spends some

money with the merchants, the fact that a town is lively, has shows, circuses, and other amusements makes the town more popular, and helps every merchant and business house.

Fernandina, Orlando, Sanford, St. Petersburg and other towns in the DeLand and Daytona class, are using vitrified brick for the paving of their most used streets. DeLand and Daytona will soon have to come to vitrified brick or "something just as good." These two towns are fast getting out of the shell class. Our present pavements will doubtless make a splendid foundation for vitrified brick, and should be allowed to "wear down" evenly to the right elevation with this end in view. Here's a chance for some good business foresight.

The season for planting Irish potatoes will soon be here. Orders for thousands of barrels of seed have been sent in by Hastings and Sanford growers. Volusia ought to plant at least 1000 acres to spring potatoes. Send in your order for seed at once.

THE NEWS learns with deep regret, of the death of James Sauls, at his home at Barberville, where the soul of this venerable old gentleman rested to the great beyond on Thursday last. Mr. Sauls was among the early settlers of Volusia county and was quite prominent in pioneer days. He leaves quite a family of children and grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Closing Out—Going Out of Business. Sale now on. DeLand Department Store, F. M. Nash, Prop. Call and get Big Bargains.

DR. JOHN REEVE'S

GRIP IS FOUND

Left at News Office Early Monday Morning with a Note.

Monday morning, when the force arrived at THE NEWS office, at the front door was found a package containing what was said to be the medicine grip taken from Dr. John Reeve several months ago. The grip was wrapped in a newspaper. Sheriff Smith and Marshal Krenner were sent for, and the contents of the grip were examined. The grip, which was quite rotten, had evidently been buried, and dug up since the rain of the night before. It contained two pair of small scissors and a number of medicine bottles. All the bottles were empty, the contents having been drawn through the corks by the wet earth.

Lying inside the package was an illegible note, worded, so far as can be made out, as follows:

"Now here is Doc grip you have the long Boy I Do Know pwe Du know he is kind to me and he told me. But it is a shame. I would tell who I am But is fred Dont you see who he go with he buried it in my yard he knows it."

Henry Merritt, a negro youth, was convicted of the crime last week and sentenced to five years in the State penitentiary. Pee-Wee, who is mentioned in the note, is also charged with the crime, but has not yet been tried.

The grip found at the front door of THE NEWS office Monday morning was wrapped in a part of the Arcadia Champion of the 17th instant. It is not known who left the grip, but it may be possible to trace it from that paper. The officers are now at work on the case. The person who claims to have dug up

the grip in his yard ought to come forward and tell all he knows about the case. There is no reason to be afraid. The officers will see that any witness is protected. If the person who left the grip will come forward and tell all he knows, it will be better for him and for the State.

**LOCATION OF DEPOT
 A MOOTED POINT**

Resolution Passed Favoring Location on Site of Burned Structure.

A called meeting of the DeLand Business League was held Monday night, in the council room.

The meeting was held at the suggestion of Agent Powe, to get an expression from the citizens of the town as to their wishes about the location of the new depot. There has in the past been considerable discussion as to the advisability of locating the depot west of town, with the idea of obviating the necessity of crossing Clara, Florida, the Boulevard, Rich, New York and Howry avenues.

There are only 31 members of the Business League, when all are in town; and this being circus night and short notice having been given, all these were not present. Eighteen members were present at one time or another during the meeting.

In the absence of the regular secretary, Mr. Cary D. Landis, Mr. S. D. Jordan acted as secretary.

The opinion of a majority of those present seemed to favor locating the new depot on the site of the old depot just destroyed by fire, and a resolution to this effect was passed.

Since the meeting, the question of calling an election to secure the opinion of property holders has been discussed.

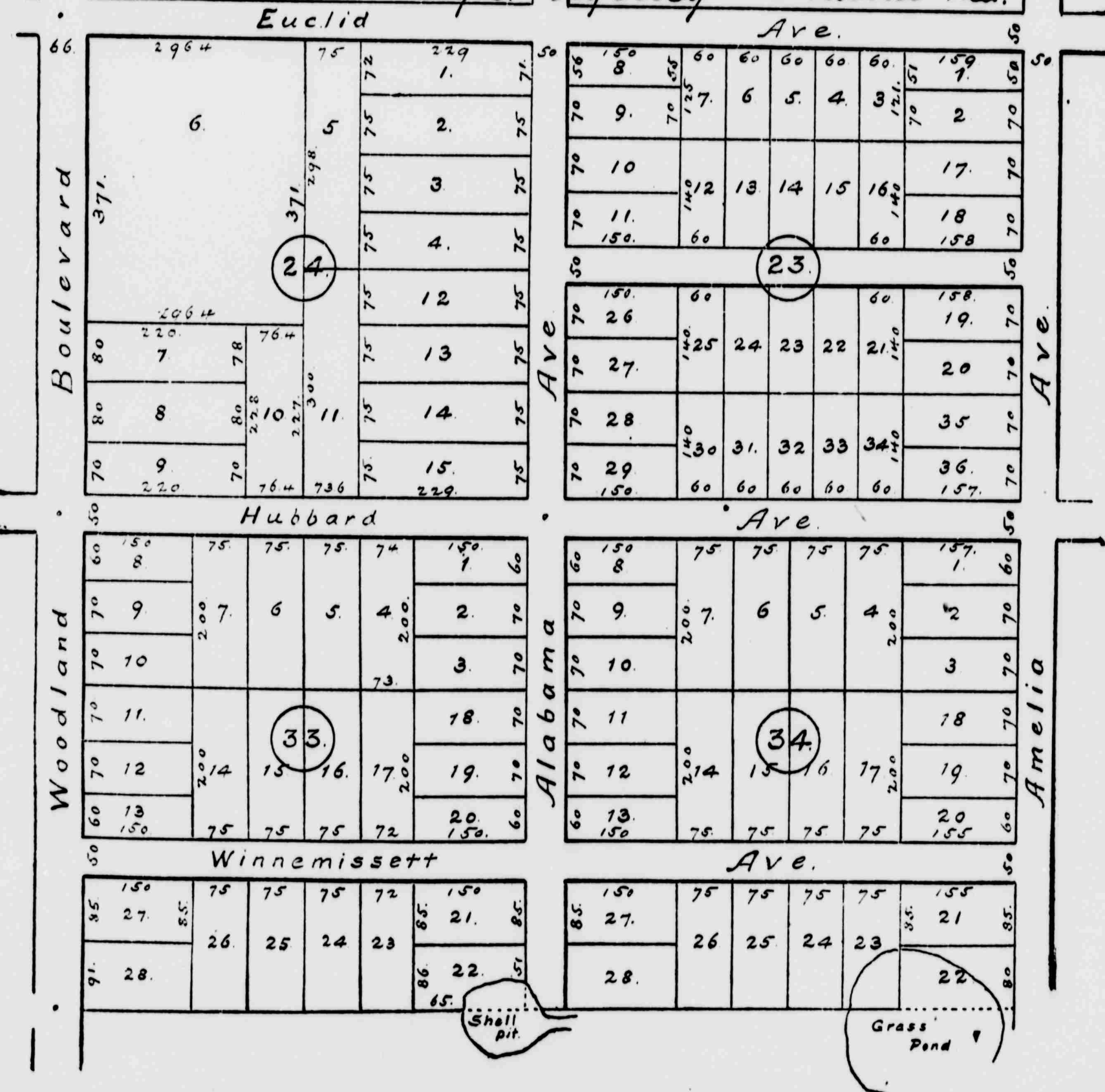
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